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TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW IMMEDIATE
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CODEL PRICE

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TAGS: OREP (PRICE, MELVIN)

SUBJECT: CODEL PRICE

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1. IN MEETING HELD MARCH 9 WITH COMMITTEE, DOD, STATE AND
ATA REP IN ATTEMPT TO FINALIZE CODEL SCHEDULE, QUESTIONS
WERE RAISED WHICH FOLLOW RE CODEL PROGRAM, ADMIN ARRANGE-
MENTS AND ITINERARY, INCLUDING STOPOVER IN ODESSA. CODEL
WOULD LIKE TO FOLLOW ITINERARY OUTLINED REFTEL TO INCLUDE
TWO-NIGHT STOPOVER IN ODESSA IF SOVIETS GRANT PERMISSION
AND CODEL CAN TRAVEL ABOARD ITS OWN AIRCRAFT. CAN
EMBASSY CONFIRM THIS WITH THE SOVIETS? IF ODESSA VISIT
IS APPROVED, ASSUME AMBASSADOR TOON WOULD STILL PLAN TO
ACCOMPANY CODEL. WOULD OTHER EMBASSY PERSONNEL ALSO
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ACCOMPANY?

2. WE UNDERSTAND IN AMBASSADOR TOON'S CONVERSATIONS WITH
CHAIRMAN PRICE THAT MEETINGS WITH SOVIETS ARE TO BE
ARRANGED. FOLLOWING ON SOME OF AMBASSADOR'S SUGGESTIONS
TO PRICE, IN MOSCOW CODEL WOULD APPRECIATE CALLS ON
GROMYKO, USTINOV, OGARKOV, PONOMAREV (AND PERHAPS AT

SAME TIME ON COUNTERPARTS IN COMMITTEES IN SUPREME SOVIET) GORSHKOV, AND PERHAPS OTHERS EMBASSY WOULD RECOMMEND. REALIZE LENINGRAD APPOINTMENTS THIN OVER WEEKEND, HOWEVER, CODEL WOULD APPRECIATE APPOINTMENT WITH LOCAL PARTY LEADER(S), I.E. ROMANOV AND MILITARY DISTRICT COMMANDER'S OFFICE. ALSO, REQUEST EMBASSY AND CONGEN EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF CODEL VISIT TO DEFENSE RELATED FACILITY. OFFICIAL CALLS/VISITS SHOULD BE SCHEDULED IF POSSIBLE BETWEEN 1000-1600 HOURS, WITH EVENINGS OPEN FOR OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS AND/OR EVENTS.

3. CODEL WILL BE SPENDING TWO NIGHTS IN LENINGRAD AND THREE IN MOSCOW PER ITINERARY REFTEL. ASSUME ONE EVENING FUNCTION IN BOTH CITIES WILL BE HOSTED BY EMBASSY/CONGEN FOR CODEL, LEAVING ADDITIONAL NIGHT(S) OPEN FOR EVENING ACTIVITIES. HOWEVER, WILL SOVIETS HOST CODEL IN MOSCOW ONE EVENING? IF YES, SUGGEST EARLY EVENING RECEPTION BY AMBASSADOR SO THAT CODEL WOULD BE FREE FOR EVENING EVENT. IF SOVIETS DO NOT HOST FUNCTION, THEN SUGGEST ONE EVENING WITH AMBASSADOR, SAVING OTHER ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT FREE EVENINGS. IN LENINGRAD, DINNER AT SADKO RESTURANT WAS MENTIONED AS A POSSIBILITY. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY/CONGEN SUGGESTIONS FOR EVENING ACTIVITIES OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO CODEL, AND ADVISE WHETHER EMBASSY/CONGEN WOULD BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ABLE TO ARRANGE, OR SHOULD THIS BE DONE THROUGH INTOURIST?

4. WILL CODEL BE EXPECTED TO LAY UREATH(S) AT TOMB OF UNKNOWN SOLDIER IN ONE OR BOTH CITIES? IF SO, WOULD APPRECIATE COST ESTIMATE OF FLOWERS FOR CEREMONIES BEFORE ARRANGEMENTS ARE FINALIZED. ALSO, CODEL MENTIONED INTEREST IN VISITING SPACE MUSEUM IN MOSCOW, AS WELL AS OTHER HIGHLIGHTS (HERMITAGE, RED SQUARE, ETC.) WIVES WOULD LIKE TO ACCOMPANY CODEL ON ANY OFFICIAL CALLS WHERE APPROPRIATE; HOWEVER, WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY/CONGEN SUGGESTIONS FOR SEPARATE WIVES PROGRAM WHEN CODEL ATTENDING PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH SOVIETS.

5. ATA WILL BE TELEXING INTOURIST TO GET PROVISIONAL QUOTES ON COST OF HOTELS, BUS TRANSPORTATION, ETC.; HOWEVER, NO FIRM ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE VIA ATA UNTIL NEXT WEEK (TUESDAY) AFTER IN-COUNTRY PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FROM EMBASSY AND CONGEN ARE RECEIVED. THEREFORE, WOULD APPRECIATE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE IN BOTH CITIES FOR CODEL APPROVAL BY COB MONDAY. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANSWERS TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS RAISED BY CODEL:

(A) IN ADDITION TO BUS TRANSPORTATION THAT WILL BE REQUESTED THROUGH ATA/INTOURIST, CODEL WILL REQUIRE TWO SEDANS IN BOTH LENINGRAD AND MOSCOW. CAN EMBASSY AND CONGEN PROVIDE SEDANS FOR VISIT TO KEEP CODEL COSTS TO A MINIMUM?

(B) WILL EMBASSY/CONGEN BE ABLE TO ESCORT WIVES?

(C) WILL CONTROL ROOM IN LENINGRAD AND MOSCOW BE SUPPLIED WITH TYPIST(S) AND EQUIPMENT, TELEPHONES, HANDLE MONEY EXCHANGES FOR CODEL?

6. DOD ADVISES THAT 89TH MAG REQUESTING OVERFLIGHT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND AIRCRAFT CLEARANCES, AS WELL AS BILLETS FOR AIR CREW MEMBERS BY SEPTTEL BEFORE END OF THIS WEEK. VANCE

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